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INFO AMEMBASSY SEOUL

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SUBJ: ROK TRADE MISSION VISITS KABUL

1. SIX MAN ROK TRADE MISSION HEADED BY AMB SHIN YONG LHO, ROK CONSUL GENERAL RESIDENT NEW DELHI, VISITED KABUL APRIL 30 THROUGH MAY 5. MAIN OBJECTIVES VISIT WERE: CONCLUDE NEW TRADE AGREEMENT WITH RGA, DISCUSS FURTHER FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN AFGHANISTAN AND CONTINUING OPERATIONS KOREAN TEXTILE PLANT IN KABUL, AND OBTAIN RGA APPROVAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT ROK TRADE OFFICE IN KABUL. DURING VISIT AMBASSADOR LHO RECEIVED BY SEVERAL MINISTERS AND BY PRIMIN SHAFIQ AND KING (IN SHARP CONTRAST WITH EARLY APRIL VISIT BY SIMILAR NORKOR DELEGATION WHICH WAS NOT RPT NOT RECEIVED BY PRIMIN OR KING).

2. ROK DELEGATION VERY SATISFIED WITH RESULTS VISIT, WHICH INCLUDE: ESTABLISHMENT TRADE OFFICE IN KABUL (PROBABLY BEFORE END YEAR), ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT RGA TRADE MISSION TO KOREA (PROBABLY BEFORE END JUNE), AND CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE HIGH LEVEL
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TALKS WHERE MUCH INTEREST IN IMPRESSIVE KOREAN ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT
SHOWN BY AFGHANS. WHILE KOREANS PLEASED WITH ECONOMIC RESULTS
VISIT, THEY STATED OVERRIDING ROK INTEREST IN AFGHANISTAN
POLITICAL AS PART OF ONGOING COMPETITION WITH PYONGYANG.
DECON AFTER MAY 30, 1975.
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